

**North Pacific Landscape Conservation Cooperative Interim Planning Team**

The North Pacific Landscape Conservation Cooperative (NPLCC) Interim Planning Team (IPT) is a non-decisional group with representation from key Federal and State agencies, Tribes and partnership organizations. The IPT will be primarily tasked with drafting proposals for the basic organizational structure and governance of the NPLCC.

The IPT will draft organizational options for partnership forums (sub-committees or working groups) for the NPLCC. These forums will function as subunits within the NPLCC. They will be structured based on a thematic (for example migratory birds or marine aquatic issues/species) and/or geographic framework. The IPT will identify key partnerships that are currently working within the potential forums. Multiple options will be drafted with recommendations that identify the pros and cons of the different proposed forums.

The IPT will also develop draft guidance that includes the membership and organization, responsibilities, and procedures for the Steering Committee and other committees or subcommittees that will support the NPLCC.

The options produced by the IPT will be shared with the broader group of potential NPLCC partners. The initial selection of the overall structure for the NPLCC will be made by executive level government leaders of the partnership. Once established, the Steering Committee will finalize the organizational structure and governance.